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TYNGSBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY, 1929



"THE RICHARDSON HOUSE"

This house was built about 1825 by William Adams for his son-in-law, Daniel Richardson.

To write the story of this house is to write the story of the lawyers and doctors of the town of Tyngsborough.

Here was born in 1829, George F. Richardson, one of a trio of noted lawyers who lived here during childhood and youth. William Adams Richardson, the oldest, became for three years Associate Secretary of the Treasury under President Grant and later, for a period of eleven years, until his death, was Chief Justice of the Court of Claims in Washington.

Daniel S., the second brother, was a prominent lawyer in Lowell, a member of the Middlesex Bar, and held many positions of trust and honor in the business life of the city and county.

George F., their half-brother, was also a prominent lawyer in Lowell and was for years a member of the city government, including two terms as Mayor. He was also State Senator.

It was said of the three brothers: "William was the smartest man; George the best pleader; Daniel the greatest lawyer, the best educated and without whom the other two never would have attained to what they were."

The Richardson sons sold the house in 1850 to Dr. Augustus F. Peirce, a man admirably adapted to his profession. Aside from his professional duties he was deeply interested in the public schools. He died at the age of 49.

Dr. Edward Perkins practised his profession here for seven years, building up a fine reputation in this and surrounding towns.

Dr. Charles G. A. Eayrs was a war veteran, a surgeon of a Massachusetts Regiment in North Carolina. After practising here for four years he removed to Nashua and exchanged his profession for that of dentistry.

Dr. Charles Dutton, of Chelmsford, bought the house in 1868. He practised his profession here after the manner of the much-beloved old-time "country doctor" until he removed to Wakefield in 1891.

It was then bought by Dr. Granville A. Harlow of Canton, Maine, a genial and efficient physician who quickly won the love and confidence of the citizens of the town and bordering towns and practised here until his death in 1908. The house was thoroughly modernized and the piazzas added during his ownership. It remained in possession of his family until it was sold in 1918 to another lawyer, Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne, the present owner.

L. M. B.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

- Jan. 4—Gertrude Beaudoin,
George Beaudoin, Lena (Morin)
- Jan. 10—Royal Leonard Shawcross,
Leonard Shawcross, Bessie M. (Beard)
- Jan. 2—Joseph Lionel Maille,
Phillippe Maille, Germaine (Lecourt)
- Jan. 18—Joseph Arthur Abeide Roy,
Telesphore Roy and Alvina (Poulin)
- Jan. 19—Ruth Cabana..Arthur W. Cabana, Marie (Tardif)
- Feb. 6—Pauline Leblanc..Adelard Leblanc, Alice (Lemann)
- Feb. 8—Marjorie Bertha Lorman,
Gerald E. Lorman, Miriam (Burne)
- Mar. 23—Betley...Stanley Betley, Sophie (Ciesla)
- Apr. 16—LeQuesne,
John B. LeQuesne, Caroline M. (Peters)
- May 21—Janet Marie Zinn,
Edward B. Zinn, Ruth M. (Collier)
- June 10—Lois Ann Derby,
Roland E. Derby, Ardelle (Plaisted)
- June 30—Raymond Pyer, Arthur Pyer, Albertine (Blanchard)
- Aug. 17—Desimas,
John F. Desimas, Ethel B. (Vigneault)
- Aug. 19—
- Aug. 27—
- Aug. 30—Mary Rita Poirier,
Loepold Joseph Poirier, Mary Yvonne (Cambeay)
- Sept. 4—Joseph Pomerleau,
Joseph Pomerleau, Emma (Maher)
- Sept. 16—Grace Ann Tully,
Charles Elijah Tully, Grace Florence (Votu)
- Oct. 18—Villandy.....Ernest Villandy, Dora (Ouellette)
- Oct. 27—Alice Cecila Boucher,
Edouard Boucher, Madeline (Castin)
- No. 5—Stillborn.
- Nov. 10—Stillborn.
- Nov. 16—Jeanna May Nolet,
Joseph E. Nolet, Grace L. (Marinel)
- Nov. 15—Lord....Charles Lord, Priscilla (Bergeron)
- Nov. 20—Blakely L. Clarke,
Horace G. Clarke, Ethel G. (Wilkins)
- Dec. 13—Theodore Chester Roberts,
Paul Chester Roberts, Vangie Vanetta (Hopkins)

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TYNGSBOROUGH GRANGE, No. 222

During the year last past, Tyngsborough Grange reached the thirtieth anniversary of its founding. The year has been a pleasant one in the Order.

Several meetings were opened to the public, the first meeting of the year at which the officers were installed; children's night upon which a program was arranged especially for the pleasure of the children, and refreshments served; and the meeting in September which was in the nature of an informal reception to the school teachers and to those who had lately taken up a residence in the town.

At one meeting the members of Hollis, N. H., and Dunstable Granges were our guests and later in the year the members of our grange were invited to Hollis Grange. Both these occasions were enjoyed by large numbers of our members.

Although the supply of fruit and vegetables was far less plentiful than in the previous year, the showing at the Grange Fair was very creditable, and Tyngsborough Grange received the third prize from the Middlesex North Agricultural Society in competition with other granges of this district. The children's exhibit was awarded second prize.

Community service work and other committee activities have been carried on with the same good-will and heartiness that has been previously manifested in connection with them.

R. W. S.

TYNGSBOROUGH GIRL SCOUTS

The Tyngsborough Girl Scouts, a growing organization in the town, has been active during the past year.

We have tried to have our meetings three-fold; inspirational, educational and recreational. For the inspirational part: opening and closing ceremonies and investiture. For the educational part: classes in household duties, nature study, woodcraft, signalling and knot-tying. For the recreational part: various games, folk dancing, singing and story telling.

We try not to forget others. We assisted the Memorial Day committee in decorating the hall and soldiers' graves. Twelve dressed dolls were sent to the hospital, and forty-five Christmas bags.

Through the hearty co-operation of many townspeople our play, "The Unexpectedness of Catherine Henry" was a wonderful success.

The purpose of this organization is to help girls to realize the ideals of womanhood as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and service to the community.

I. M. M.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report of the Village Improvement Association for the year ending Nov. 9, 1928:

Balance on hand Nov. 11, 1927.....	\$318.94
Receipts from Banquet	24.87
Dues	30.09
Annual Paper	123.50
Interest on Savings Account.....	14.53
Receipts from Fair	\$473.30
Expenses of Fair	151.66

Net Proceeds 321.64

\$833.48

GENERAL EXPENSES

Perham & Queen	\$ 22.03
Morse & Beals	8.00
Sullivan Bros., Printing	154.50
Expense of Banquet	7.50
Clean-up Day	10.00
Cement Sidewalks	297.99

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Balance on hand Nov. 9, 1928 \$333.46

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WOODWARD,
Treasurer.

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RIVERSIDE PARK

The V. I. A. through the efforts of Mr. B. R. Currier and Mr. Marshall Cummings has been very fortunate in securing as a gift from the city of Nashua a very beautiful Colorado blue spruce, approximately eighteen years old to beautify Riverside Park.

The tree was very carefully moved from Nashua by Mr. Frank Sargent, on a drag with a large quantity of earth attached to its roots, and in resetting it to its present position in the center of the park every precaution was taken to guard against it being killed by moving.

The tree will certainly add a great deal to this bare spot in Tyngsboro, and it is hoped that by next Christmas the V. I. A. can have the tree lighted, making a bright spot in our town.

Riverside park has long been a bare spot in Tyngsboro, so this year the V. I. A. is planning with the aid and co-operation of the people of Tyngsboro and the extension service to spend some of its money in beautifying this spot.

Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated and it is sincerely hoped that everyone will co-operate physically and financially with this work.

C. H. C.

TROOP 1, TYNGSBORO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 1, Tyngsboro, meets every Monday evening at the Town Hall from 7 o'clock until 8.45. There are twenty-five registered Scouts in the troop.

Troop Committee—Dr. F. D. Lambert, Mr. W. P. Butterfield, Mr. R. W. Sherburne, Mr. B. R. Currier.
Scoutmaster—Carlos W. Dunning.

Assistant Scoutmasters—Mr. Lincoln, Jardine Davis, Richard Lambert, Duane Young,

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster—David Lambert.

Senior Patrol Leader—Corliss Lambert.

The Scouts assisted at the Memorial Day exercises.

A number of the Scouts attended the Lowell Council summer camp at Dunstable.

Scoutmaster Carlos W. Dunning.

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THE HOMEMAKING SECTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Tyngsboro now has two permanent units in this branch of the Extension Service. The Woods Corner Unit with the following officers chosen for one year:

President, Mrs. George Bacon; secretary, Mrs. Edward Bruce; leaders—First half, Mrs. Perley Knight, Mrs. Raymond Norton; second half, Mrs. Joshua Machon, Mrs. Ernest Ferron.

The Tyngsboro Center Unit: President, Mrs. Bertrand R. Currier; vice-president, Mrs. James Woodward; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Hodgman; leaders, Mrs. Arthur Gilson, Mrs. Charles Allgrove.

Home making chairman for the town, Mrs. Chester Queen.

Mrs. Fred Lambert was elected president of the executive board of Middlesex County.

An advanced nutrition project was put on last spring and those who attended learned how to plan balanced meals and were given many wholesome, delicious recipes.

In October the fall clothing project was started and has included the making of fancy set-in and tailored pockets, bound buttonholes, arrowheads and crowsfeet, figure charting, color combinations, neck and hem finishes, plaiting and stain removal.

Miss Beatrice Billings is our home demonstration agent, coming to us one out of three meetings.

The Extension Service lost one of their most valued agents and Tyngsboro a real friend in the death of Mrs. Draper last year.

It is planned to raise a fund of two thousand dollars to be known as "The Draper Memorial Fund," the interest of which is to be given each year to some 4 H Club girl for advanced study in home economics.

Each town is asked to contribute a share. Our goal is fifty dollars.

Mrs. Fred Lambert and Mrs. Raymond Sherburne were appointed a committee to arrange an entertainment and secured Mr. Dwight Cart of Haverhill as entertainer on Jan. 25th. Mrs. Valmer Stone, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Flagg, gave several violin solos in her usual enjoyable manner. Owing partly to the large amount of sickness in town, also to the bad weather, for it was about the worst night of the month, we are still short of our goal. If anyone cares to contribute to this fund, they may send their contribution to the secretary, Mrs. Hodgman and it will be gratefully received. Surely it is a worth-while plan.

February starts the new project, "The More Livable Living Room." The units extend to you a cordial invitation to join the most convenient one.

The Center Unit meets in the lower town hall the last Thursday of each month.

The Woods Corner Unit meets at the homes of the members the second Friday of each month.

There is also a group in Sherburneville under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Mitchell and Mrs. Carl Ford.

M. C.

4H SEWING CLUB

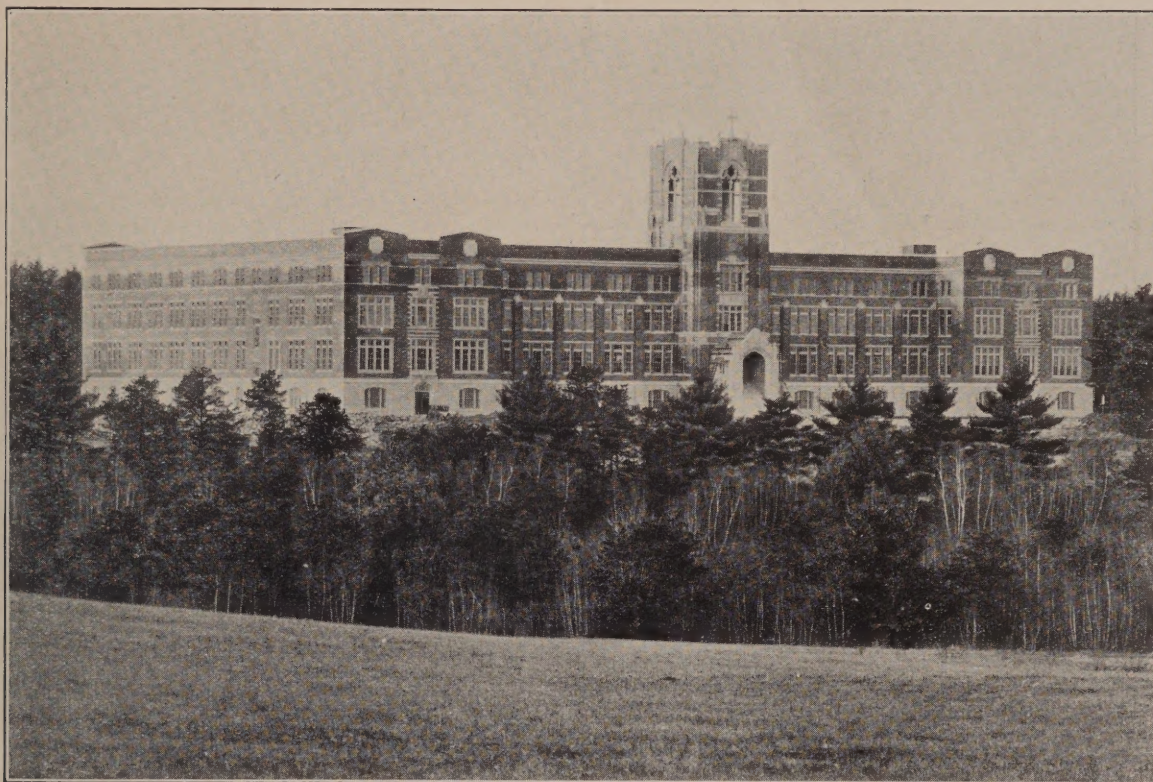
The 4H Sewing Club, Station W-O-R-K meets every second and fourth Wednesday at the Winslow school at 3 o'clock. It is for the purpose of 4H Club work in sewing and household tasks required by the club. There was a Christmas party and the members are planning for a Valentine party. Mary McGrath is Junior Leader.

The officers are: President, Virginia McGrath; vice-president, Grace Barton; treasurer, Florence McGrath; secretary, Madeleine Dunning; reporter, Helen Bell.

Mrs. Carlos W. Dunning, Local Leader.

CARD OF THANKS

The committee in charge takes this opportunity to thank all those who have in any way contributed to this paper.



ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME

Tyngsborough Academy of Notre Dame is a Catholic school for girls. It comprises the boarding department of the Academy of Notre Dame, Lowell. The latter foundation was made by the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur in 1852,—it ranks therefore among the oldest Catholic schools in New England. In 1865 it was chartered by the legislature of the State of Massachusetts.

The Academy is affiliated with Trinity College, Washington, and Emmanuel College, Boston; and with the Catholic University of America. These affiliations place the seal of approval on the educational system of the Academy, its work and its equipment.

The location of the Academy need not be described to readers of the Annual. The buildings are spacious and carefully fitted for all the needs of a first class school for girls; protection from fire is insured by approved construction and the installation of sprinkler system; the estate has its own reservoir and well system; whatever modern lighting, ventilation, drainage can do toward healthful accommodation has been provided.

The grounds are those of the old Brinley estate, comprising 220 acres, water, woods and hills. The lakes, the rolling meadows, the grass track for horseback riding are features of the outdoor, which make it seem as if Nature labored to prepare the place for a school. The beauty of the surroundings is unsurpassed.

The work of the school is divided into three departments of four years each: primary, intermediate, and high school. Instruction in music, painting, oral expression, physical culture, etc., is given according to the best standards of excellence and taste, but suited to the age and capacity of the children. These opportunities are offered to non-resident pupils, also. The Academy is provided with well equipped laboratories, reference libraries and all that is necessary to facilitate the study of science and of art. Love of knowledge is fostered in an environment that makes it attractive; and the effort of the pupil is held more in esteem than her talent. But throughout its enviable service of more than three quarters of a century, Notre Dame has garnered honors from the talents of its pupils as well as from their efforts; and at the opening of this new and promising existence, the Academy presents as its chief and valued recommendation the unexcelled character of its Alumnae.

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A well trained mind with love for knowledge and with practical ability to use it; a pure heart in which religion and valued recommendation the unexcelled character of gentle refinement joined to strength in right doing; a capacity for intelligent helpfulness and for adding to the joy of life by womanly accomplishments; these together with the physical health and the cultured manners which are the blessing and the adornment of young womanhood, constitute the ideals that are kept in view throughout the educational course at the Academy of Notre Dame.

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 9, 1928**

The Annual Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening, November 9, 1928. Thirty-nine members and friends were present. At 6.45 o'clock a delicious roast beef supper was served under the management of Mrs. John Upton. The dining room was in charge of Mrs. Frank Sargent, the color scheme of decorations being pink and white, with large baskets of roses which gave a very pretty effect.

During the supper musical selections were given by Mr. Benjamin Taylor, soloist, and Miss Florence Kydd, pianist, both of Lowell.

President Ralph S. Harlow introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Paul Dempsey, superintendent of the Market Garden Field Station, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, at Cedar Hill, Waltham. These vegetable growers of this State Experimental Station co-operate with the Middlesex County Extension Service, use their labor-saving tools, etc. Mr. Dempsey gave a most interesting and instructive address on "Improving the Home." He said, in part:

"Home is a state of the mind, a place where you always want to feel unselfish. Do unto others as you would like to have them do to you. Is your home a place you like to show to people? What do you see when you look out of the windows? Begin with the kitchen window. Can you beautify what you see there by the use of paint, arbor, trellis, baths, shrubs, hedges or flowers? Begin now, for results cannot be obtained immediately. It will take one, two or possibly three years for some things to look as you wish to have them."

Following are a few suggestions in regard to shrubs and trees: Do not go into the woods and dig a large tree or shrub and expect it to grow, for the balance is broken as you do not get all of the roots. Take small trees or shrubs from the woods in November, prune tops as much as the roots and if possible plant in nursery and transplant the next year. The best results are obtained where this transplanting is done three or four years in succession and a large ball of roots is formed. Always keep well watered.

Improve the outside of the building by use of new windows and doors, dormer windows, new porch or piazza, sleeping-porch. Trellis around garage, shrubs or privet hedge each side of driveway and each side of front walk to the house. Climbing roses over porch or piazza.

Do not plant too close to the house. Use rich soil.

Improve vegetable garden appearance by having outside rows of flowers, such as cannas, asters, snap-dragons, calendulas, marigolds, gladioli, etc.

Plant gladioli bulbs at intervals of two or three weeks, from May to July. Do not plant in same spot every year.

Care of bulbs: Dig up in the fall and place on top of the ground in the wind for one half day, then put into a barrel and cover with paper and set in cold cellar, or grow them in tub or box set in the ground and in the fall take up tub or box without disturbing bulbs and set in cold cellar for the winter.

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Begin in January or February to plan your gardens. Write to the Agricultural College for plan and use it as a record book. Always buy seeds from reliable sources. Write to the Market Garden Field Station, Cedar Hill, Waltham, Mass., for information. All circulars and catalogs free. Subscribe for magazines such as "The Flower Grower," Madison Cooper, Calcium, New York, "Horticulture," "American Home," and others similar, will help you.

Information was asked about paper mulch. It is black paper placed over the soil to stop weeds, hold moisture and keep the soil warmer. Sometimes it works successfully and sometimes does not.

Many other questions were answered in a satisfactory manner.

The business meeting was then called to order by the president, Mr. Ralph S. Harlow.

He spoke of the great loss to the V. I. A. and the grief of the entire community in the death of Miss Bernice R. Sherburne on February 11, 1928. For many years Miss Sherburne has held the position of clerk of the association and last year was elected its treasurer as well. She has always been one of the most willing and faithful workers, not only for the V. I. A., but for the community as a whole.

The president also spoke of the sad news of the death of Rev. Albert C. White, former pastor of the First Parish Church and member of this association, who endeared himself to the whole community by his sunny and genial disposition. It was voted that separate pages in the record book be dedicated to the memory of these members.

The president then appointed the following nominating committee to report later in the evening: Mr. H. E. Symonds, Mr. W. E. Barry and Mr. A. C. Farrow.

The clerk's report was read. The name of Corliss Lambert was left out of the orchestra which played at the Annual Meeting last year. This correction being made, the clerk's report was accepted.

The treasurer's, auditor's and executive committee's reports were each read and accepted.

Mr. R. W. Sherburne read the report of the committee on amending and improving the By-Laws. It was

VOTED that the amendment to Article IV, that "The president shall be a member ex-officio of the executive committee," be adopted as read.

VOTED that the amendment to Article XIII, that "other meetings of the association shall be held in February and May, the president to set the dates," be adopted as read.

VOTED that the new Article XVIII, that "The president shall be authorized to make appointments to fill any vacancies occurring during the year," be adopted as read.

VOTED that the new Article XIX, that "There shall be a membership committee composed of three members, amended to five members, to be annually appointed by the president of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a list of the members of the association and to keep it up to date at all times; also to use their best endeavors to enlarge the membership," be adopted as read.

The nominating committee made the following recommendations:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF V. I. A.

(Continued from Page 6)

President, Mr. Charles H. Coburn; first vice-president, Mr. Roscoe C. Turner; second vice-president, Mr. R. B. Sherburne; clerk and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Herbert C. Hodgman; treasurer, Mr. James H. Woodward; auditor, Mr. Wallace P. Butterfield; executive committee for three years, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sargent.

The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot, thus electing the above named officers.

Following are a few suggestions made by members:

Mr. R. W. Sherburne suggested that the filling stations add the name "Tyngsborough" to their signs.

Mr. A. C. Farrow, that an electric sign "Tyngsborough," might be placed on the Bridge plot.

Mrs. F. L. Sherburne, that the suggestions of Mrs. Chester H. Queen of last year be carried out. They were, that the V. I. A. sponsor a contest for the improvement of the premises about the houses; also that more attention be given to the care of trees and shrubs previously set out by the association.

Mr. J. H. Woodward suggested that the placing of a curbing around the triangle just below the railroad station and setting out shrubs, barberry hedge or flowers, would make a beauty spot for the town. He said if this were done he would see that it was kept in good condition.

Mr. H. E. Symonds suggested that the Executive Committee appoint a sub-committee to work out these suggestions.

Voted to adjourn.

JENNIE R. K. HODGMAN,
Clerk.

THE BOOKLOVERS' CLUB

In February, 1928, a small group of people who were interested in books, met at the library and formed a Book-lovers' Club, with Mrs. Chester H. Queen as president and Miss Edna H. Bancroft, secretary. There was felt a need for a wider and better understanding of our literature in all its forms, especially the modern, and also to learn perhaps a little more of other arts.

The monthly meetings have dealt with modern poetry, nature, travel in New England, modern fiction and New England sculptors.

Several meetings were devoted to the modern poets, among whom were Amy Lowell, Robert Frost, Edgar Guest, Vachel Lindsay and Carl Sandburg. Mrs. Ufford opened the subject with a resume of modern poetry and its tendencies which was a great help to the understanding of a much discussed question. This was followed by short accounts of the lives of the poets, readings from their works and a discussion of their merits or demerits.

One afternoon of summer the theme was nature and was taken up in the works of such nature essayists as Dallas Lore Sharpe, Henry D. Thoreau and John Burroughs, and included with this were the experiences of the Alcott family at "Fruitlands" in Harvard, Mass., with many interesting incidents from the personal knowledge of them by Mrs. Francena Sherburne whose home was nearby.

The most interesting department of literature for the great majority is fiction, and to that they turn for recreation. There is so much of it, however, that a choice must be made, and how to choose well has been one aim of the club. Miss Henderson reviewed for us her course in modern fiction at the Columbia summer school which has been a basis for reading and discussion. A comparison of Rolvaag's "Giants in the Earth" and Cannon's "Red Rust," occupied one meeting, while Joseph Conrad and his works filled another.

Much interest has been shown by those who have attended and it is hoped any who have a liking for books will join with us. The meetings are held the last Wednesday in each month from 3 to 5 P. M. at the library, and there are no fees. Everyone is welcome and may take part, or just listen, as he chooses.

E. H. B.

LOCAL ITEMS

Very little has been done the past year in the way of new buildings. Mr. Fred A. Coburn built a bungalow on the boulevard, on land of the home place, a pleasing addition to the neighborhood.

A summer cottage on land of I. F. Spindell, west of the farm buildings, was erected by Louis A. Spindell, his son.

The house of George Bowers on Willow Dale Avenue, destroyed by fire a short time ago, is being rebuilt on the same foundation.

Sherburne Brothers have had built a storehouse for finish lumber; one end of the building to be used for receiving the shavings from the planers; work done by Charles Turple of Lakeview Avenue.

Thomas Goodchild of the boulevard bought out the store at the west end of the bridge, making inside improvement space for larger trade.

George Perham has leased the Sherburne market at the east end of the bridge, making improvements by painting of buildings and making the grounds more attractive and pleasing for small parties; a lady clerk in the ice cream department may all be inducements to good trade.

A new road has been accepted by the town, this being about seven hundred feet of the road known as Bowers Avenue, at Willow Dale.

The farm of Phillip Williams, of Farwell Road, has been sold to John O. Ekstrom, who will make farming his business; Edward Wilkins is occupying the house at present.

B.

CHAIRMEN OF THE TABLES

Decorations—Mrs. Ralph Harlow.
Fancy Table—Mrs. Arthur Gilson.
Children's Table—Mrs. James Woodward.
Candy Table—Mrs. Joseph Mitchell.
Novelty Table—Mrs. Charles Allgrove.
Domestic Table—Mrs. Marriotte.
Farmers' Table—Mr. Adolph Ekstrom.
Flower Table—Mrs. Enlo Perham.
Ice Cream Table—Mr. Chester Bancroft.

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TYNGSBOROUGH MEN'S CLUB

The club under the leadership of Roscoe C. Turner, president, has shown marked improvement over last year. The members who number sixty-five are coming out to the meetings in greater numbers and are enjoying some very good programs.

The programs are furnished by a committee of three consisting of Mr. Bertrand R. Currier, Mr. John K. Whittier, and Mr. Marshall Cummings.

The first meeting of the 1928-29 season was held in October. At this meeting the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. furnished a very interesting entertainment in the form of pictures showing how the different parts of the telephone were taken from the raw materials and transformed into the finished product. This picture was very interesting as it took the members to all parts of the world in gathering the silk, the iron, copper, rubber and so forth.

At the January meeting pictures were shown by the Fleischmann Yeast Co. after we had enjoyed a supper served by the Ladies' Circle. After the pictures the members enjoyed themselves by playing cards.

REPORT OF 4-H HANDICRAFT CLUB

The Boy Carpenters Club, the name given to the 4-H Handicraft Club of Tyngsborough, has been meeting every other Wednesday since the fifth of December at the Winslow Grammar School.

The officers are: President, Douglas Davis; secretary, Harry Holt; treasurer, Robert Duff; news reporter, Roland Gardner. The members are: Arthur Logue, Edmund Mason, Paul Ekstrom, Robert Lambert, Clifford Jordan, Walter Ouillette, Whitney Wyman, and Shirley Wyman.

This year there are six second year and six first year members.

The boys have made many useful articles and are now making skis and mitre boxes, besides repair work at home which they are required to do.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND NORTON,
CARL DUNNING,

Local Leaders of 4-H Handicraft Club.

MRS. JORDAN'S LUNCH

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WALLS

In Robert Frost's poem, "Mending Walls" there is a very suggestive thought for village improvement. Beautiful gardens and well-kept lawns are a credit to any village, but there is something deeper and more fundamental than these. It is the spirit of friendliness and neighborliness.

In the poem mentioned above, the poet points out that all nature seems to work to tear down a stone wall. Near the close of the poem are these words:

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall,

"That wants it down!"

Walls of stone or fences of wire do not separate us one from another. The prison house of friendliness is composed of different material. The walls which separate the people of a village are not seen by the passing visitor. We don't talk about them much because they ought not to be.

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Have you ever noticed how a crisis will break down the walls that ordinarily separate people? When the neighbor loses his little girl everyone forgets that he is a democrat and a Catholic or a republican and a Protestant—the walls are down.

And so I say let us keep in life that something that does not love a wall. That wants it down! Let us refuse to allow differences in religion, wealth or position, politics, background or racial characteristics to be walls between us. Let us tear down the walls and allow Friendliness and Neighborliness to roam at will from one end of the village to the other.

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It is becoming, more and more, a recognized fact that ideal citizenship cannot be achieved through the schools alone. Character building is too complex, and involves too many factors to be relegated wholly to any formal system of public education. With a careful study of the child to understand his nature and his individual needs, the same policy may be pursued in both home and school, resulting in a better understanding between the two institutions and a harmonious atmosphere which will do more to set the child right than all the preachments either school or home can give.

It has been estimated that one's social conduct is seventy-five per cent habit, fifteen per cent standards and ten per cent ideals. It is too late to wait until the child enters school before formulating the habits of truthfulness, reliability, self-control, self-reliance, obedience, fair play, willingness to co-operate, loyalty, reasonable observance of health laws, and many other such qualities both desirable and essential to good citizenship. The seed must be sown before the child is old enough to come under the influence of the school. But habits alone are not all sufficient, for in times of stress even they may become unreliable. High standards inspired by high ideals must be so interwoven in the child's character, that each is sustained by the others.

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